

- Rosalie m (2) Jack Dixon  
 c – Jackie (1947-1966).  
     William A. m Phyllis Smith (Savannah, Ga.)  
       c – Stephanie, Laura.
6. Helen m Ralph Jenkins (1922-1968);  
 c – Richard E., Donna
7. Juanita m (1) Walter English (Doravilla, Ga.);  
 c – Terry m Charles B. Phillips (Charlotte, N. C.)  
     Garry  
 Juanita m (2) Elmer Stewart
8. Mary m Theron Graham (Greensboro, N. C.);  
 c – Jon Michael

(The information on the David S. Franklin, Jr. Family was obtained from Elgie Franklin, Lloyd Franklin, Ernest Franklin, Wilma Williams and notes from Zulia F. Dellinger.)

#### REVOLUTIONARY BILL GRAGG

Children of William Gragg and his second wife, Nancy Dunkler:

A son Harvey Gragg who married Linda McClurd. Children of Harvey and Linda:

- Abner Gragg
- William (Bill) Gragg
- Rev. Monroe Gragg
- John R. Gragg, U. S. Army 1861-65, Co F 3 NC MTD Inf.
- Susan Gragg
- Sarah Gragg

Susan Gragg married John V. Vance on February 25, 1875. Their children:

1. Rev. Brownlow Vance
2. Florence Vance
3. Daniel Walter Vance
4. Ida Vance m Hart
5. John R. Vance
6. Savannah Vance
7. Baxter Vance
8. Flora Vance m Hopson

Daniel Walter Vance was the father of C. D. Vance. This history was told to Charles Damon Vance by the following persons: Harvey Clark and Coleman Clark, sons of Douthard Clark; Thaddeus Braswell and his son Columbus P. Braswell; A. J. Taylor; Rev. Brownlow Vance; D. Walter Vance (Damon's father); Ida Vance Hart; Jacob Monroe Gragg; and William A. Gragg.

Daniel Walter Vance married Birdie Taylor, daughter of Andrew Jackson Taylor, on June 4, 1905, at Shell Creek, Tennessee. Their children:

1. Verna
2. Omie
3. Charles Damon
4. Ganel m Earl S. Gragg
5. Doyle m Ruth Bailey; lives at Stokesdale, N. C.
6. Herriell m Myrtle Phillips
7. Muriel

Bill Gragg died October 20, 1847, at the home of his daughter at Saginaw, North Carolina (now Pineola). He was seven feet tall. Columbus P. Braswell and Harvey Clark pointed out his grave and the U. S. Government erected a monument to his memory in the Montezuma Cemetery. The rock markers were more than seven feet apart making the grave easy to identify. Thaddeus Braswell had pointed out the grave to his son Columbus P. Braswell. Thaddeus had lived next door to Revolutionary Bill on Johns River in Caldwell County. He moved to Sugar Mountain and built a log cabin there in 1857.

Bill's son, Harvey Gragg, lived near Shulls Mills in Watauga County. During the War Between the States, he sometimes fed soldiers of both armies. The Watauga Home Guard had threatened his life. One day he fed some federal soldiers some cornbread and hog's lard. A few days later he left home early in the morning to see a neighbor on some business. He told his wife, Linda, he would be back in about two hours. He was never seen again. A few weeks later a dog carried a man's arm and hand up the road by his home.

Great Grandmother Linda raised six fatherless children. Harvey Clark told me in 1935 he could remember seeing the wagon pass by his home in Goose Hollow on the way to the cemetery at Montezuma with the body of Revolutionary Bill. The snow was half-leg deep.

Children of Herriell Vance who married Myrtle Phillips:

1. Mrs. Zena Jo Stockton lives near Marion.
2. Dale H. Vance m Norma Jean Carpenter.
3. David
4. Jane
5. Samuel
6. Shirley lives in Canton, Ohio.

Children of Charles Damon Vance and Jane Gragg:

1. Walter T. Vance who served in the Air Force in Vietnam 12th Supply Squadron; m Bobbie Bigge; one son Thomas lives in Newland.
2. Willis H. Vance who served in Vietnam Company D 815 Engineers; m Ruth Shelton; one son Scott; lives in Marion.
3. Winnie Vance m (1) Lloyd Arnett; children - Chris and Rhonda; (2) George Baucom; lives at Marion, N. C.
4. Wayne Vance m Debbie Johnson; children - Tammy and Jimmy; lives at Newland.

Damon's great grandmother on his mother's side was Matilda Humphrey (her mother was Mary Alice), a professional midwife in Watauga County - with the reputation of being one of the best. His grandmother dug quite a bit of gensing which she would dry and pack up for market at Boone.